

APRIL 2007

M.A.O. Member Appearances

Mao Members And Other Known PWDs Who Are Television Series Regulars/Recurring

- Tracy Ashton (AL)
As Didi - "My Name is Earl" - NBC
- Peter Dinklage (LP)
As Marlowe Sawyer - "Nip/Tuck" - FX
- Meredith Eaton Gilden (LP)
As Bethany Horowitz - "Boston Legal" - ABC
- Robert David Hall (AL)
As Coroner Dr. Robbins - "CSI" - CBS
- Mitch Longley (WU)
As Mitch - "Las Vegas" - NBC
- Shoshannah Stern (D)
As Bonnie Richmond - "Jericho" - CBS
As Megan Graves - "Weeds" - Showtime
- Marcus A. York (WU)
As Billy Merchant - "The Office" - NBC

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

Alice Diehl (WU) - featured background
'Criminal Minds'
April 25th on CBS; check local listings

Please note: We would like to have your performances appear in the MAO newsletter in a timely fashion. Please e-mail DGordy@edd.ca.gov by the third week of the month prior to your scheduled appearance. **Include date, time, place, contact and ticket information, as applicable, and the nature of your disability please, as per the format above.**

Congratulations to M.A.O. Members...

Casey Pieretti (AL) performed as a stunt double in the TV series Ghost Whisperer, Reno 911, and Law Dogs (a pilot) this past month.

Christopher Thornton (WU), Darryl Mitchell (WU), Bryan Dilbeck (MI/CP), Teal Sherer (WU) and Katy Sullivan (AL) were all cast in lead or featured roles in the new Farrelly Brothers-produced pilot for the American version of the hit British sitcom I'm With Stupid. Other M.A.O. members appearing as background are **J.B. Abajian and Katina Mastellos (both MI)**, as well as **Andy Arias, Allison Cameron-Gray, Alice Diehl, Toby Forrest, Marsha Gayle, Katrina Gibson, Jason Goulet, Marcy Lovett, Dwayne Scott, Apollo Sturdivant, Charles Whitehead, and Anthony, Hunter, Christopher and Mathew Silcock (all WU)**.

An article about Little People in the industry that appeared in USA Today on Feb. 26 quoted **Meredith Eaton Gilden** and **Danny Woodburn**, among others. See: www.usatoday.com/life/people/2007-02-26-short-actors_x.htm.

Kitty Kavey (O) was interviewed about her screenwriting career for a web site. See: www.strategicdiversity.com/.

Nina Diamante (O) worked as an extra on the feature film The Kingdom, which will be released in September.

Bradley Laise (LP) has appeared twice on Craig Ferguson's Late, Late Show on CBS recently, and has two film projects coming out soon: Lord Help Us and Oops, Ups & Downs.

Linda Lutz (WU) worked as a background performer on a recent episode of the TV sitcom Reno 911.

Clay Rivers (LP) completed his first novel Christmas Is..., and is shopping it to publishers.

CJ Jones (D) is featured in the documentary Through Deaf Eyes, which was shown on PBS-TV on March 31, and he will be performing live at the 2007 International Deaf Theatre Festival in Woodland Hills in late October.

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Shannon Dierieux, Kevin Ewing, Craig Jaffe, Kristine Johnson, Marcy Landeros, Adrian Lopez, Casey Powell, Bahareh Savis, John Tucker, Andrew Warren, Blair Williamson, Christine Young (all Ds) appeared in the Born to Act Players variety production, Born to Be an Idol, which was performed in Encino on March 17 & 18.

Comedian **Mike Lee (B)** will be a guest performer at the retirement party for Dept. of Rehabilitation Director Catherine Campisi this month.

Evelyna Castro (WU/O) was the makeup artist for a production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, in Vancouver, WA. last month, and was cast as an extra in the indie film Two Julias.

Nathan Sanders' (O) play Sweet Jesus was published in a play anthology in conjunction with its production in the Bay Area One Acts Festival this month. An ad for Nathan's previously published script, The Sugar Bean Sisters, appeared in American Theatre's March issue.

Dena Diamond (B) has a featured song on the new Disney DVD "Mickey's Great Clubhouse Hunt," in stores now.

Special Notice: A very nice tribute to the late **Michael Gilden (LP)** aired on Entertainment Tonight on March 6.

Sprout Film Fest in NYC

The Sprout Film Festival, showcasing films about developmental disabilities, will take place in New York City on April 27 - 29, 2007, presenting 19 films from 9 countries. For the schedule and ticket info: <http://www.gosprout.org/film/>

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| ■ AA - Arm Amputee | ■ LD – Learning Disability |
| ■ AL - Leg Amputee | ■ LP - Little Person |
| ■ B - Blind | ■ MI - Mobility Impaired |
| ■ CP - Cerebral Palsy | ■ O - Other |
| ■ D - Deaf | ■ PWD - Performer with Disability |
| ■ DD - Devel. Disability | ■ VI - Visually Impaired |
| ■ Ds - Down syndrome | ■ WU - Wheelchair User |
| ■ HI - Hearing Impaired | |
| ■ ID - Invisible Disability | |

April Class/Workshop Schedule

1. David Zimmerman will conduct a “**Once-A-Month Acting Class**” on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning April 19 (with the exception of May's class, which will be on the 24th). Classes consist of different topics, including Cold Reading, The Biz of the Biz, and more. For information: www.davidzimmerman.biz.

2. “**Write a Movie Scene**” with Guest Lecturer Hunter Lee Hughes, who has worked as a story analyst for Paramount for eight years. The class will be held Thursday, April 26, with a limit of 8 students. Students will learn valuable, practical screenwriting tools: character, conflict and visualization. Please bring your scene ideas and any rough drafts to class.

Both of the classes above are from 1 to 5 pm.

3. **New Client Orientation** on April 5.

4. **Actor's Resume Workshop** on April 12.

Both these workshops are from 1 to 3 pm. All classes and workshops are held at the Glendale office. Call Gloria at 818-409-0448, or email her at gcastane@edd.ca.gov, to sign up for any of these classes or for additional information.

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